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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/541589	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/ 03844 <i>th</i>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 March 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 04 April 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION EXPANDABLE STYRENE-MODIFIED OLEFIN-BASED RESIN BEADS, PRE-EXPANDED BEADS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE					
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<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). "Executed" 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Assignee: <u>SEKISUI PLASTICS CO., LTD., of Osaka, Japan</u> 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published: 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. 20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Application as published in Japanese. PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report (in English and Japanese). PCT/RO/101 PCT Request (in Japanese). PCT/IB/308. Claim of Priority. 					

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TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =				\$900.00	
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	6 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 0.00	
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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$940.00	
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